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SUBJECT: PANAMA TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH
ALBANIA

REFERENCE: PANAMA 5547

1. PANAMA CITY DAILY "LA ESTRELLA" CARRIED THE STORY
AUGUST 20 THAT PANAMA WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA. CITING ONLY A "STATEMENT
RELEASED TO THE PRESS"(NFI), THE PAPER QUOTED THAT
THE TWO COUNTRIES "HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC
REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADORS."
A MID-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACT WAS UNABLE TO
CONFIRM THE STORY AND OBSERVED THAT IT WAS NOT
AN OFFICIAL RELEASE BY THE MINISTRY. HOWEVER, SHE
REPORTED THAT THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION CURRENTLY
TRAVELING IN EASTERN EUROPE (SEPTTEL), HEADED BY
THE GOP FOREIGN MINISTRY'S EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DIRECTOR, PEDRO BRIN MARTINEZ, HAD HOPED TO VISIT
ALBANIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS.

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2. WHEN ASKED WHETHER RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET
UNION MIGHT ALSO EMERGE FROM THE CURRENT MISSION,
OUR CONTACT EXPLAINED THAT THE DELEGATION'S PRIMARY
PURPOSE WAS TO EXPAND COMMERCIAL TIES,BUT THAT A
HIGH-LEVEL COMMISSION WOULD TRAVEL TO THE SOVIET
UNION "LATER" SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS. (FYI, ABOUT TWENTY WESTERN HEMISPHERE

NATIONS ALREADY HAVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THE SOVIET UNION.) JORDEN

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